

## Key to the lichen families *Pyrenulaceae* and *Trypetheliaceae* in Vietnam, with eight new records

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**ABSTRACT**—An identification key is presented for the members of the lichen families *Pyrenulaceae* and *Trypetheliaceae* in Vietnam. Eight pyrenocarpous species (in *Anthracothecium*, *Astrothelium*, *Lithothelium*, and *Pyrenula*) collected from Nam Cat Tien National Park, are new records for Vietnam. Taxonomic characters of the species are given along with ecology, distribution, and illustrations.

**KEY WORDS**—*Bathelium*, *Nigrovothelium*, taxonomy, *Trypethelium*

### Introduction

Pyrenocarpous lichens in the tropics belong mainly to the families *Porinaceae*, *Pyrenulaceae*, *Strigulaceae*, and *Trypetheliaceae* and are among the major constituents of epiphytic lichen communities in primary rain forests (Aptroot 2009). Although little remains of Vietnam's primary forests, the protected areas, reserve forests, and national parks still conserve significant stretches of old-growth rain forests, particularly in the southern part of the country. The present inventory is the result of ongoing research conducted in Nam Cat Tien National Park situated in southern Vietnam and provides new records of eight pyrenocarpous lichens in *Trypetheliaceae* and *Pyrenulaceae* for Vietnam. Both families have been the focus of increasing global interest in recent years. Currently, 234 species in 11 genera are accepted in *Pyrenulaceae*, and 418 species in 15 genera in *Trypetheliaceae* (Aptroot 2012, Aptroot & Lücking 2016, Lücking et al. 2016). From Vietnam 24 species of *Pyrenulaceae* have been

recorded: *Anthracothecium macrosporum* (Hepp) Müll. Arg., *A. prasinum* (Eschw.) R.C. Harris; *Pyrenula aggregata* (Fée) Fée, *P. anomala* (Ach.) Vain., *P. aspistea* (Ach.) Ach., *P. balia* (Kremp.) R.C. Harris, *P. breutelii* (Müll. Arg.) Aptroot, *P. brunnea* Fée, *P. duplicans* (Nyl.) Aptroot, *P. fetivica* (Kremp.) Müll. Arg., *P. mamillana* (Ach.) Trevis., *P. massariospora* (Starbäck) R.C. Harris, *P. microcarpa* Müll. Arg., *P. nitidella* (Schaer.) Müll. Arg., *P. nitidula* (Bres.) R.C. Harris, *P. ochraceoflava* (Nyl.) R.C. Harris, *P. parvinuclea* (Meyen & Flot.) Aptroot, *P. pyrenuloides* (Mont.) R.C. Harris, *P. quassicola* (Fée) Fée, *P. scutata* (Stirt.) Zahlbr., *P. sexlocularis* (Nyl.) Müll. Arg., *P. subglabrata* (Nyl.) Müll. Arg., *P. sublaevigata* (Patw. & Makhija) Upreti, *P. thelemorpha* Tuck.—while 16 species have been recorded in *Trypetheliaceae*: *Astrothelium aeneum* (Eschw.) Aptroot & Lücking, *A. cinnamomeum* (Eschw.) Müll. Arg., *A. clypeatum* Aptroot & Gueidan, *A. megaspermum* (Mont.) Aptroot & Lücking, *A. nitidiusculum* (Nyl.) Aptroot & Lücking, *A. phlyctaena* (Fée) Aptroot & Lücking [= *Trypethelium ochroleucum* (Eschw.) Nyl.], *A. porosum* (Ach.) Aptroot & Lücking, *A. variolosum* (Ach.) Müll. Arg.; *Bathelium albidoporum* (Makhija & Patw.) R.C. Harris, *B. lineare* (C.W. Dodge) R.C. Harris, *B. porinosporum* Lücking et al.; *Nigrovothelium tropicum* (Ach.) Lücking et al.; *Trypethelium eluteriae* Spreng., *T. epileucodes* Nyl., *T. infraeluteriae* Aptroot & Gueidan, *T. krempelhuberi* Makhija & Patw. (Aptroot & Sparrius 2006, Aptroot 2012, Aptroot et al. 2016, Lücking et al. 2016).

In addition to some previously reported species, we examined some interesting pyrenocarpous lichens that we report here as new Vietnamese records: *Anthracothecium interlatens*, *Astrothelium galligenum*, *A. inspersogalbineum*, *A. subaequans*, *Lithothelium obtectum*, *Pyrenula circumfiniens*, *P. laetior*, and *P. mastophora*. An artificial key to all known species in Vietnam representing *Pyrenulaceae* and *Trypetheliaceae* is also presented.

## Materials & methods

The Vietnamese material was collected by Dr. J.-S. Hur and J.J. Woo in December 2015 from the lowland areas in southern Vietnam having warm and humid preserved forests with a sub-oceanic climate. The material was deposited in the lichen herbarium of the Korean Lichen Research Institute, Suncheon, South Korea (KoLRI), and studied in the Lichenology laboratory of CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, India. The morphological characters were identified and measured using a MSZ-TR dissecting microscope and a Leica DM 500 compound microscope. Standard protocols were followed to analyse chemistry (Orange et al. 2010). Amyloidity (I+ or I–) of internal structures was tested using Lugol's solution. Images were taken using a Zeiss Axiocam ERc5s and A1(Ax10) microscope. The key includes some characters that

were not apparent in our specimens but were derived mainly from Upreti (1991, 1998), Aptroot et al. (2008), Aptroot (2012), and Aptroot & Lücking (2016).

### Taxonomy

*Anthracothecium interlatens* (Nyl.) Aptroot, Lichenologist 44: 35, 2012. PL. 1A

Thallus epi- to endoperidermal, pale green to fawn, corticate, continuous, matt to slightly glossy, reflecting bark texture, delimited by blackish prothallus, 100–120 µm thick; cortex 50–60 µm thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer distinct, ≤50 µm thick; medulla not apparent; perithecia semi-immersed to emergent, black, scattered to aggregate with shared ostiole, 0.5–0.7 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 45–80 µm thick; ostiole apical, 0.071–0.1 mm in diam; hamathecium hyaline, clear, with unbranched filaments; asci 2-spored, 200–230 × 45–52 µm, I–; ascospores mostly hyaline to grayish at maturity, oblong to slightly curved, muriform, 100–132 × 32–42 µm, I–.

CHEMISTRY—No lichen substances present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Pantropical (Aptroot 2012). In Vietnam, the species was found growing in association with *Ocellularia* spp. in irregular patches on uneven bark surfaces.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Cat Tien National Park, forest red soil area, 11°24'20"N 107°17'19"E, alt. 256 m, on bark, 17 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150006 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—*Anthracothecium gregale* (C. Knight) Aptroot is morphologically close but produces 6–8-spored asci (Aptroot 2012). Only a small amount of *A. interlatens* was collected in only a small amount from the national park, but the Vietnamese specimen was easily identifiable.

*Astrothelium galligenum* (Aptroot) Aptroot & Lücking,

Lichenologist 48: 861, 2016.

PL. 1B

Thallus epiperidermal, pale greenish gray to greenish gray, smooth, continuous, glossy, delimited by blackish prothallus, ≤180 µm thick; cortex distinct, continuous, 50–60 µm thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer distinct, continuous, 40–50 µm thick; medulla white crystalline, reaching ≤70 µm; ascomata immersed to slightly emergent, trypethelioid, scattered, solitary to slightly confluent, 0.2–0.3 mm in diam., pseudostromatic; pseudostromata off-white, irregular in shape; ostiole apical, black, 0.01–0.03 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 90–100 µm thick hamathecium hyaline, inspersed with oil droplets, with anastomosing filaments; asci 8-spored, 140–170 × 20–30 µm, I–; ascospores uni- to biserial, fusiform, hyaline, transversely 7–8-septate with diamond shaped lumina, 40–47 × 10–12 µm, I–.

CHEMISTRY—Thallus and ascomata UV–, hamathecium oil droplets K+ purple; anthraquinone present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Eastern Palaetropics (Aptroot & Lücking 2016). This species is apparently rare in the national park, where it was growing in association with *Bathelium mastoideum* and *Sarcographa* spp. on trees with somewhat undulating thick smooth bark.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Nam Cat Tien National Park, in forest red soil area, 11°23'49"N 107°17'38"E, alt. 206 m, on bark, 17 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150125 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—*Astrothelium ubianense* (Vain.) Aptroot & Lücking is similar, but has a clear hamathecium and lacks anthraquinone (Aptroot & Lücking 2016).

*Astrothelium intersogalbineum* Aptroot & Weerakoon,

Lichenologist 48: 618, 2016.

PL. 1C

Thallus epiperidermal, greenish gray to yellowish green, smooth, continuous, glossy, delimited by blackish prothallus, 100–150 µm thick; cortex distinct, 30–40 µm thick photobiont trentepohlioid, layer distinct, continuous, 50–60 µm thick; medulla endoperidermal; ascomata emergent, tryptethelioid, scattered, solitary to slightly aggregate then open by a common ostiole, mostly covered by thallus, 0.6–0.7 mm in diam.; ostiole apical to slightly eccentric, black, 0.08–0.1 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 100–150 µm thick laterally, reaching ≤350 µm basally; hamathecium hyaline, interspersed with oil droplets, with anastomosing filaments, placed deep into the ascomata; asci 8-spored, 40–50 × 10–12 µm, I–; ascospores mostly uniseriate, fusiform, hyaline, transversely 3-septate with diamond shaped lumina, 20–22 × 7–9 µm, I–.

CHEMISTRY—Thallus and ascomata UV+ yellow, K+ purple; lichexanthone and anthraquinone present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—This is only the second report of this taxon, originally described from Singapore (Aptroot et al. 2016). In Vietnam, it was growing luxuriantly in association with *Bathelium mastoideum* on thick smooth-barked trees.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Nam Cat Tien National Park, in forest red soil area, 11°23'36"N 107°17'56"E, alt. 181 m, on bark, 17 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150126 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—This species is close to *Astrothelium macrocarpum* (Fée) Aptroot & Lücking, which differs in its clear hymenium and pseudostromatic ascomata (Aptroot 2012). Our Vietnamese *A. intersogalbineum* specimen,

with a K+ purplish thallus, differs slightly from the K- holotype (Aptroot & Lücking 2016).

*Astrothelium subaequans* Müll. Arg., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 6: 383, 1885. PL. 1D

Thallus epiperidermal, olive green, bullate, uneven, hard, continuous, dull to ± glossy, delimited by blackish prothallus, 200–300 µm thick, photobiont trentepohlioid, layer distinct, continuous, 40–50 µm thick; medulla white, crystalline, 200–350 µm thick; ascomata astrothelioid, scattered, solitary to aggregate and pseudostromatic, covered by thallus, surrounded by yellow-orange pigments, 0.7–1 mm in diam.; ostiole slightly eccentric, black, 0.5–0.1 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, laterally 100–130 µm thick and basally reaching ≤600 µm, separated from the thallus by a slit; hamathecium hyaline, clear with anastomosing filaments, placed deep into the ascomata; asci 8-spored, 145–155 × 40–47 µm, I-; ascospores biseriate, oval, hyaline, muriform, 60–65 × 18–21 µm, I-.

CHEMISTRY—Thallus UV-, ascomata UV+ reddish, pigment K+ purple; anthraquinone present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Previously known from the Neotropics (Aptroot 2016). In Vietnam, the species was growing richly in large patches on trees with thick and hard bark.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM, DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Nam Cat Tien National Park, in forest red soil area, 11°24'20"N 107°17'19"E, alt. 256 m, on bark, 17 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150054 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—This species is close to *Astrothelium praetervisum* (Müll. Arg.) Aptroot & Lücking, which differs in producing pseudostromatic ascomata (Aptroot & Lücking 2016). Our Vietnamese *A. subaequans* specimen is characterized by distinctly muriform ascospores that differ slightly from the submuriform ascospores described by Aptroot & Lücking (2016).

*Lithothelium obtectum* (Müll. Arg.) Aptroot,

Biblioth. Lichenol. 44: 62, 1991.

PL. 1E

Thallus epiperidermal, grayish green, corticate, continuous, dull to slightly glossy, delimited by black prothallus, ≤100 µm thick; cortex 20–30 µm thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer 40–50 µm thick; medulla not apparent; perithecia emergent, black, irregularly in shape to shortly elongate, numerous, solitary to aggregated in groups of 2–3 joint together with fused ostiole, 0.2–0.7 mm long; ostiole eccentric to laterally placed, 0.05–0.1 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 90–100 µm thick; hamathecium hyaline, clear, with unbranched filaments; asci 8-spored, 60–90 × 8–12 µm,

I–; ascospores uniseriate, fusiform, hyaline, transversely 3-septate,  $10\text{--}15 \times 3\text{--}4 \mu\text{m}$ , I–.

CHEMISTRY—No lichen substances present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Pantropical (Aptroot et al. 2008). In Vietnam, the species was collected from hard, rather rough-barked trees, where it was growing luxuriantly with crustose lichen taxa, probably *Graphidaceae*.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Nam Cat Tien National Park, near Crocodile lake,  $11^{\circ}27'25''\text{N } 107^{\circ}21'4''\text{E}$ , alt. 156 m, on bark, 19 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150400, VN150402 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—The examined specimen differs from the type of *Sagedia obtecta* Müll. Arg. (especially in thallus formation and number of fused ascomata). It is possible that the ecorticate thin thallus and solitary ascomata describing the type are features taken from a damaged specimen with an eroded thallus. *Lithothelium decumbens* (Müll. Arg.) Aptroot is close to *L. obtectum* but differs in producing brown ascospores (Aptroot 2012).

*Pyrenula circumfiniens* Vain.,

Ann. Acad. Sci. Fenn., Ser. A, 6(7): 195, 1915.

PL. 1F

Thallus epiperidermal, olive green to dark green, corticate, continuous, glossy, delimited by black prothallus,  $100\text{--}150 \mu\text{m}$  thick; cortex  $40\text{--}60 \mu\text{m}$  thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer  $50\text{--}70 \mu\text{m}$  thick; medulla not apparent; perithecia semi-immersed, black, numerous, solitary to sometimes aggregated in 2–3 groups,  $0.3\text{--}0.5 \text{ mm}$  in diam.; ostiole eccentric to laterally placed in different directions,  $0.01\text{--}0.2 \text{ mm}$  in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized,  $90\text{--}100 \mu\text{m}$  thick; hamathecium hyaline, clear, with unbranched filaments; asci 8-spored,  $60\text{--}90 \times 8\text{--}12 \mu\text{m}$ , I–; ascospores uniseriate, fusiform, gray brown, transversely 3-septate, terminal lumina directly against the exospores wall,  $13\text{--}18 \times 4\text{--}6 \mu\text{m}$ , I–.

CHEMISTRY—No lichen substances present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Pantropical (Aptroot 2012). In Vietnam, *Pyrenula circumfiniens* was flourishing well around trees having wide girth. The species was spread largely in irregular patches and intermingled marginally with other pyrenocarpous lichens.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Nam Cat Tien National Park, near rock stream,  $11^{\circ}26'39''\text{N } 107^{\circ}24'22''\text{E}$ , alt. 160 m on bark, 18 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150250 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—The ascospore sizes in our sample are somewhat close to those in *Pyrenula elliptica* Müll. Arg., which is distinguished by its slightly larger ( $15\text{--}18 \times 6\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$ ) ascospores and distribution restricted to the Neotropics (Aptroot 2012).

*Pyrenula laetior* Müll. Arg., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 6: 413, 1885.

PL. 1G

Thallus epi- to endoperidermal, brownish green to reddish brown, corticate, continuous,  $\pm$  dull, delimited by black prothallus,  $\leq 100$   $\mu\text{m}$  thick; cortex 20–25  $\mu\text{m}$  thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer  $\leq 30$   $\mu\text{m}$  thick; medulla indistinct, mostly endoperidermal; perithecia semi-emergent, black, numerous, simple to aggregate, 0.2–0.3 mm in diam.; ostiole apical, 0.05–0.07 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 50–80  $\mu\text{m}$  thick; hamathecium hyaline, interspersed with oil droplets, with unbranched filaments; asci 8-spored,  $40\text{--}60 \times 8\text{--}6$   $\mu\text{m}$ , I–; ascospores uniseriate, fusiform, gray brown, transversely 3-septate, terminal lumina separated from the exospore wall by endospore thickening,  $13\text{--}15 \times 4\text{--}6$   $\mu\text{m}$ , I–.

CHEMISTRY—No lichen substances present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Previously known from the Neotropics (Aptroot 2012). In Vietnam, the species is found on thin papery bark flaking away from tree trunks.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM. DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district, Cat Tien National Park, forest red soil area,  $11^{\circ}24'23''\text{N}$   $107^{\circ}17'40''\text{E}$ , alt. 288 m, on bark, 17 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150083 (KoLRI).

REMARKS—*Pyrenula subglabrata*, previously reported from Vietnam, is morphologically similar to *P. laetior* but can be distinguished by its longer (18–20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) ascospores (Aptroot 2012). Our material, which produces very short ( $\leq 15$   $\mu\text{m}$ ) ascospores fits well within the range of the new world *Pyrenula laetior*.

*Pyrenula mastophora* (Nyl.) Müll. Arg., Flora 66: 426, 1883.

PL. 1H

Thallus epidermal, green to grayish green, corticate, continuous, smooth, delimited by a black prothallus,  $\leq 150$   $\mu\text{m}$  thick; cortex 35–40  $\mu\text{m}$  thick; photobiont trentepohlioid, layer  $\leq 45$   $\mu\text{m}$  thick; medulla indistinct; perithecia semi-immersed to semi-emergent, initially covered by thallus, black, numerous, scattered, 0.5–0.8 mm in diam.; ostiole apical, indistinct to 0.5 mm in diam.; perithecial wall complete, carbonized, 60–90  $\mu\text{m}$  thick; hamathecium hyaline, clear, with unbranched filaments; asci 8-spored,  $150\text{--}160 \times 20\text{--}26$   $\mu\text{m}$ , I–; ascospores mostly uniseriate, fusiform, gray brown, transversely 3-septate, terminal lumina separated from the exospore wall by endospore thickening,  $28\text{--}32 \times 11\text{--}13$   $\mu\text{m}$ , I–.

CHEMISTRY—No lichen substances present.

DISTRIBUTION & ECOLOGY—Pantropical (Aptroot 2012). The Vietnamese specimen broadly colonized on trees with thick smooth bark.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED: VIETNAM, DONG NAI PROVINCE: Tan Phu district,  
Nam Cat Tien National Park, near rock stream, 11°26'35"N 107°24'19"E, alt.  
150 m on bark, 18 December 2015, Hur & Woo VN150216 (KoLRI).

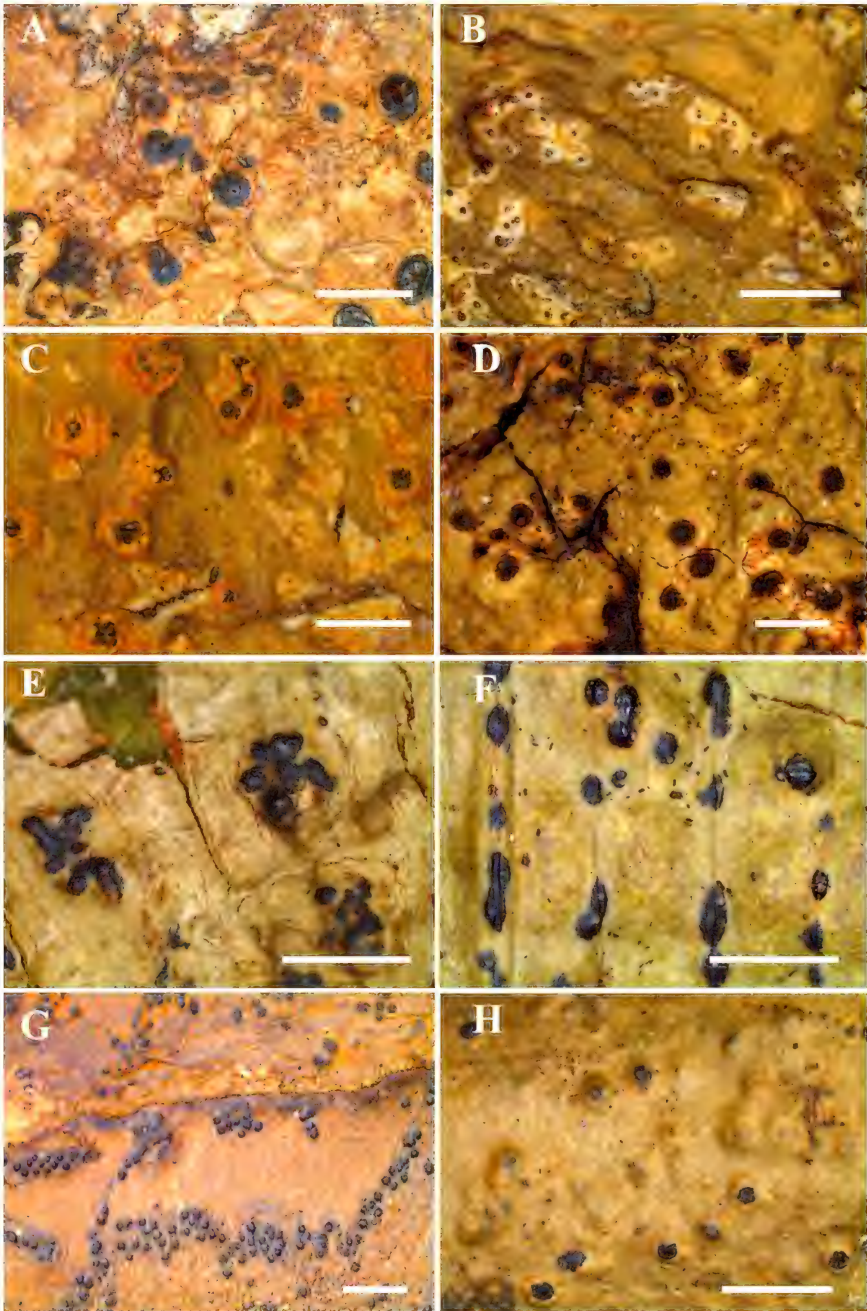
REMARKS—*Pyrenula quassiicola* is similar but is distinguished from *P. mastophora* by its partly immersed perithecia and thallus producing pseudocyphellae (Aptroot 2012).

**Key to species in *Pyrenulaceae* and *Trypetheliaceae*  
recorded from Vietnam**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Ascospores hyaline                                                                                                                                    | 2                                  |
| 1. Ascospores pigmented                                                                                                                                  | 21                                 |
| 2. Ascospores transversely septate                                                                                                                       | 3                                  |
| 2. Ascospores muriform                                                                                                                                   | 19                                 |
| 3. Ascospore lumina rectangular to oval at maturity                                                                                                      | 4                                  |
| 3. Ascospore lumina diamond-shaped                                                                                                                       | 10                                 |
| 4. Ascospores 3-septate, 10–15 × 3–4 µm; ostiole lateral                                                                                                 | <i>Lithothelium obtectum</i>       |
| 4. Ascospores >3-septate; ostiole apical                                                                                                                 | 5                                  |
| 5. Ascomata solitary to irregularly confluent                                                                                                            | 6                                  |
| 5. Ascomata pseudostromatic                                                                                                                              | 7                                  |
| 6. Ostiole usually white pruinose; ascospores transversely 5–7-septate,<br>25–32 × 6–9 µm                                                                | <i>Bathelium albidoporum</i>       |
| 6. Ostiole non-pruinose; ascospores transversely 3–5-septate,<br>20–30 × 6–7 µm                                                                          | <i>Bathelium porinosporum</i>      |
| 7. Pseudostromata lacking anthraquinone (all white with small dark ostiole spots;<br>ascospores 5–13-septate, 30–60 × 5–13 µm)                           | <i>Trypethelium epileucodes</i>    |
| 7. Pseudostromata with anthraquinone                                                                                                                     | 8                                  |
| 8. Ostiolar area broad, disc shaped with margins producing<br>black papillae arranged in circular shapes<br>(ascospores 13–15-septate, 59–72 × 13–15 µm) | <i>Trypethelium krempelhuberi</i>  |
| 8. Ostiolar area narrow, visible as small dots                                                                                                           | 9                                  |
| 9. Pseudostromata immersed to erumpent;<br>ascospores 7–9-septate, 37–42 × 9–11 µm                                                                       | <i>Trypethelium infraeluteriae</i> |
| 9. Pseudostromata prominent to sessile;<br>ascospores 9–13-septate, 37–52 × 8–11 µm                                                                      | <i>Trypethelium eluteriae</i>      |

PLATE. 1. Specimens of pyrenocarpous lichens from Vietnam. A. *Anthracothecium interlatens* (KoLRI VN150006); B. *Astrothelium galligenum* (KoLRI VN150125); C. *A. intersogalbineum* (KoLRI VN150126); D. *A. subaequans* (KoLRI VN150054); E. *Lithothelium obtectum* (KoLRI VN150400); F. *Pyrenula circumfiniens* (KoLRI VN150250); G. *P. laetior* (KoLRI VN150083); H. *P. mastophora* (KoLRI VN150216). Scale bars: 1 mm.





10. Ascospores 7–8-septate ( $40\text{--}47 \times 10\text{--}12\ \mu\text{m}$ ) ..... *Astrothelium galligenum*
10. Ascospores 3-septate ..... 11
11. Hamathecium interspersed with oil droplets ..... 12
11. Hamathecium clear ..... 14
12. Ostiole lateral (ascospores  $20\text{--}22 \times 7\text{--}9\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
anthraquinone and lichexanthone present) .... *Astrothelium inspersogalbineum*
12. Ostiole apical ..... 13
13. Ascomata solitary; ascospores  $17\text{--}27 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
anthraquinone and lichexanthone both absent ..... *Astrothelium clypeatum*
13. Ascomata diffusely pseudostromatic; ascospores  $17\text{--}27 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
anthraquinone present, lichexanthone absent ..... *Astrothelium porosum*
14. Ostiole apical ..... 15
14. Ostiole lateral ..... 18
15. Ascomata distinctly pseudostromatic (ascospores  $15\text{--}27 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
anthraquinone absent, lichexanthone present) ..... *Astrothelium phlyctaena*
15. Ascomata solitary to irregularly confluent or diffusely pseudostromatic ..... 16
16. Ascomata solitary to diffusely pseudostromatic; anthraquinone present,  
lichexanthone absent (ascospores  $20\text{--}27 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ) ..... *Astrothelium aeneum*
16. Ascomata solitary to irregularly confluent or crowded; anthraquinone and  
lichexanthone both absent ..... 17
17. Ascomata sessile, fully exposed, barrel-shaped, black;  
ascospores  $20\text{--}25 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$  ..... *Nigrovothelium tropicum*
17. Ascomata erumpent with broad white area surrounding the ostiole  
or entirely white; ascospores  $15\text{--}27 \times 7\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$  .... *Astrothelium nitidiusculum*
18. Ascospores  $20\text{--}26 \times 7\text{--}9\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
lichexanthone present, anthraquinone absent ..... *Astrothelium variolosum*
18. Ascospores  $23\text{--}30 \times 6\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ;  
lichexanthone absent, anthraquinone present .... *Astrothelium cinnamomeum*
19. Ascospore lumina rectangular to oval at maturity  
( $100\text{--}120 \times 13\text{--}20\ \mu\text{m}$ ) ..... *Bathelium lineare*
19. Ascospore lumina diamond-shaped ..... 20
20. Ostiole apical; hamathecium interspersed with oil droplets; ascospores mostly 4/ascus,  
 $140\text{--}220 \times 30\text{--}75\ \mu\text{m}$ ; anthraquinone absent ..... *Astrothelium megaspermum*
20. Ostiole lateral; hamathecium clear; ascospores 8/ascus,  
 $60\text{--}65 \times 18\text{--}21\ \mu\text{m}$ ; anthraquinone present ..... *Astrothelium subaequans*
21. Ascospores transversely septate ..... 22
21. Ascospores muriform ..... 39
22. Ostiole lateral, pointing in different directions  
(ascospores 3-septate,  $13\text{--}18 \times 4\text{--}6\ \mu\text{m}$ ) ..... *Pyrenula circumfiniens*
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